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UNITED STATES HALF CENTS  
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This group of half cents is primarily made up of coins which were in the collection of Willard C. Blaisdell, the well known copper specialist from New Jersey. Given the sixty years that WCB spent in his collecting activities, even a melonhead with a copy of Ebenezer Gilbert's book would have gathered together an interesting array. But Mr. Blaisdell knew what he was after and even though his number one interest was the large cents, his half cents formed a respectable collection. Look them over carefully as there are some surprises; don't hesitate to use the phone... some of the better pieces will be sold quickly.

As a collector I have always been interested in the die varieties of half cents. This price list reflects that interest although many of the coins will also be of interest to type collectors. I enjoy keeping track of the rarity of each die variety and the evolution of the various condition censuses. If you have any questions concerning half cents whether they be relative to rarity, grading, price, frequency of appearance or condition census, I'll be happy to share with you. Thank you.

Sincerely,

WKR

DATE	G-#	C-#	COND.	PRICE	COMMENTS
1793	G-3	C-2	F15	1800.	
1794	G-1	C-9	VF25	550.	
	G-1	C-9	VF20	475.	
	G-2	C-7	F15	900.	Ex Bowers & Ruddy.
	G-2	C-7	VG8	450.	
	G-3	C-8	VG10	350.	
	G-4	-	VG10	2000.	Large edge letters, one of just two known.
	G-4	C-4	VF25	600.	Sharp, a little dark.
	G-4	C-4	EF45	1500.	A rim nick at left ribbon brings this below AU.
	G-4	C-4	VF20	450.	Good color, bulged obv.
	G-5	C-2b	good	475.	Large edge letters. R7.
	G-8	C-5	VF20	500.	Scarce in acceptable condition.
1795	G-4	C-4	VF25	500.	Sharper than usual for this obv.
	G-5	C-6a	EF40	1250.	This is a typical "brown unc."
	G-6	C-5a	VF30	600.	Nice color.
	G-7	C-3	VF20	1750.	Fourth finest. From a Lester Merkin auction a decade ago.
	G-7	C-3	good	275.	
	G-7	C-3	VG	500.	VF but corrosion removed. Ex Ruby.
	G-7	C-3	VG10	600.	Ex New Netherlands.
	G-8	C-2b	good	750.	One of the difficult ones.
1797	G-1	C-3b	VG8	1100.	Good color for this lettered edge.
	G-2	C-3a	G6	110.	Nice color; scarce type.
	G-3	C-2	VF20	350.	
	G-4	C-1	MS60	4400.	Not the slightest evidence of wear on this shattered, clean obverse. The reverse is slightly patinated.
1800	G-1	C-1	MS60	900.	Exceptionally desirable. Lustrous blue-green, not spotted.
	G-1	C-1	EF40	100.	Artificial red color; not offensive.
1802	G-1	C-2	4/2	120.	Overstruck on a misstruck rolled-out, cut down, large cent. Letters TAT of STATES clear on rev.
1803	G-1	C-4	VF25	150.	Hard to find above fine.
	G-1	C-4	VF20	125.	
	G-2	C-1	F	130.	Struck 15% off center toward 7:30.
	G-2	C-1	VF20	30.	
	G-2	C-1	EF40	125.	
	G-3	C-3	AU	300.	
	G-4	C-2	good	200.	Broken reverse; rare thus.
1804	G-1	C-11	EF	250.	From a Bowers and Ruddy auction at 350.
	G-1	C-11	VF25	125.	Nice color.
	G-2	C-13	AU	225.	Some mint red, some corrosion and a lot of lustre.
	G-2	C-13	MS60	525.	Unevenly struck. 10% red on reverse.
	G-3	C-12	MS60	750.	Even brown color; no problems.
	G-3	C-12	AU55	550.	One of the prettiest non-mint state half cents we have ever seen. Unusually desirable light color obviously faded from mint red. This piece was high in the condition census until just a couple of years ago.

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1804	G-3	C-12	MS60+	1000.	No red but fully lustrous and very choice.
	G-3	C-12	MS65	1750.	This coin and one other are tied for finest of the variety. Opinion is sharply divided over which is best. It's also one of the prettiest 1804's of any variety.
	G-4	C-10	MS60	650.	A sharp, olive-brown type coin.
	G-4	C-10	MS60+	950.	Light olive with soft, almost liquid surfaces.
	G-4	C-10	EF40	125.	
	G-4	C-10	AU50	225.	
	G-4	C-10	VF35	100.	
	G-4	C-10	fine	22.	Interesting planchet split; not damaged.
	G-5	C-9	EF45	200.	
	G-5	C-9	VF	160.	Not a pretty coin but third best with break over TY.
	G-6	C-1	VG8	35.	
	G-6	C-1	EF40	350.	One of the not so rare varieties that is impossible in the top levels of condition.
	G-6	C-1	VF20	60.	
	G-8	C-6	EF40	125.	State 2 of the reverse die.
1805	G-7	C-8	nearly 60	475.	Superb lustrous surfaces but not entirely free of rubbing on the cheek.
	G-7	C-8	EF	200.	Lightly polished on obverse.
	G-7	C-8	VG8	60.	Broken over LIBE.
	G-11	C-5	VF30	125.	
	G-11	C-5	EF40	375.	Another rarity in the high grades.
	G-1	C-1	MS60	1000.	We have two of these, both very desirable. The coppery bright evenly colored one is \$1000; the golden brown one is \$900. Neither has any mint red, both are beautiful.
	G-2	C-4	EF45	225.	Very sharp.
	G-3	C-3	VG8	300.	Small 5, stems.
	G-3	C-3	VG10	550.	Ex Joe Flynn; possibly fifth best.
	G-3	C-3	fair	30.	
	G-3	C-3	20-	1950.	Whereabouts unknown for the 60 years since its appearance in the Gilbert plates, it reappeared in the W.C. Blaisdell collection. It is 4th best and much ahead of the 5th as we do not know of the existence of a 12 coin or a 15 coin.
1806	G-4	C-2	G7	600.	It's a little rough, but these just are not showing up.
	G-1	C-1	AU50	400.	This is a commercial "choice unc."
	G-2	C-2	VG8	75.	Small 6, stems. Couple of dents, no charge.
	G-2	C-2	VG8	60.	Rough and ugly. Improvable?
	G-2	C-2	VG10	150.	Clean and nice.
1807	G-2	C-2	VF20	300.	Nicer.
	G-1	C-1	AU55	600.	Lustrous, pretty and much sharper than usual, this is the second best we've seen in recent years.
08/7	G-1	C-2	VF20	180.	

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08/7	G-1	C-2	good	38.	Nice for the grade.
	G-1	C-2	fine	130.	
1808	G-2	C-3	good	65.	15% off center toward 6:30.
1809	G-1	C-4	AU55	600.	Fully lustrous and nearly a gem.
	G-1	C-4	AU50	375.	Even brown color, very sharp.
	G-2	C-6	EF45	110.	
	G-2	C-6	AU55	175.	Another "commercial unc."
	G-3	C-2	F12	75.	
	G-3	C-2	VF30	125.	
	G-5	C-5	AU50	125.	
	G-5	C-5	EF	90.	Recolored.
1810	G-1	C-1	AU55	650.	Nearly fully lustrous with some mint red on each side. A commercial "gem unc."
	G-1	C-1	AU50	350.	Couple minor edge nicks.
1811	G-1	C-2	VF30	200.	Very sharp, some scratches. Ex New Netherlands 11/56.
	G-2	C-1	EF40	750.	One of very, very few top grade G2's with the 4-star break. A similar coin in the Brobst collection (1962) was priced @ \$1250.
1826	G-2	C-2	EF45	100.	Artificial red color.
	G-2	C-2	MS60?	450.	With mirror-like surfaces and obviously never in circulation, a couple of large carbon blotches cut the price in half on this one. A type coin dealer offered us \$300. a year ago. It's got to be worth \$450 for the variety.
1828	G-2	C-1	AU55	150.	
	G-3	C-2	AU55	600.	From a Bowers and Ruddy auction at the same price.
1829	G-1	C-1	MS60	125.	Lustrous, even brown color.
	G-1	C-1	MS65	400.	No mint red, just exceptional brilliance.
1832	G-1	C-2	AU50	100.	Another "commercial unc."
	G-2	C-1	AU50	110.	Less wear than previous coin; couple nicks.
	G-3	C-3	MS60	250.	This date is very difficult to locate in legitimate mint state.
1833			MS60	300.	Half red; one light scratch.
1834			proof	1600.	
1835	G-1	C-2	proof	2000.	One of the really rare proofs. An 1835 in proof does not appear on the market as often as once every two years; in contrast each date in the '40s appears several times each year. No restrikes of 1835.
1836	Original	proof	1850.		Many auction records over 2000.
1840	2nd Restr	proof	1250.		Ex Showers.
1841	Original	proof	1000.		Cleaned.
1844	2nd Restr	proof	1250.		Ex "Dupont."
1847	2nd Restr	proof	1250.		Ex Stacks, 1956.
1848	Original	AU	850.		
1848	1st Restr	proof	1250.		
1849	1st Restr	proof	1250.		Ex Stacks, 1956.

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1849	G-3		MS60	300.	Part red, even color.
	G-3		MS60	225.	Part red, spotty rev.
1850			EF	40.	
1851			MS60	180.	Cleaned.
1852	Rev. of '56	Prf.	1100.		
1853			MS60	200.	Perfect surfaces, even color.
			MS65	650.	80% bright mint red.
1857			MS60	200.	10% red.
			MS60	250.	Green color, evidence of double striking on rev.

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